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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-1.98, and further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 9, 2007, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following information which includes a Chinese Office Action from Chinese Application 200580008301.8, which is a Chinese family member of the present application, as well as the document cited in the Chinese Office Action and its English family member:

- 1) Chinese Patent Document No. 1215334, and
- 2) Canadian Patent Document No. 2248794.

Copies of the above-listed documents, Chinese Patent Document No. 1215334 and its English family member Canadian Patent Document No. 2248794, and an English translation of the relevant text portion of the Chinese Office Action from Chinese Application 200580008301.8 are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing the

documents enumerated above. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next communication.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. If the Examiner needs additional copies of any of the documents, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.


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Applicants note that this Supplemental IDS is being filed more than three months from the filing date, and Applicants have not received an action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the above-identified documents is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

However, if an action on the merits has been mailed prior to the filing date of this Supplemental IDS, Applicants hereby authorize the charging of any required fees necessary for consideration of this Supplemental IDS and any information cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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